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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR,

SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN

REF: GENEVA 6632

FROM S/NM-HANDLEY

1. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAS BEEN IN GENEVA THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR KIRCA COULD BENEFIT FROM FIVE MINUTES OF YOUR TIME. HE WILL PRESIDE OVER THE CRUCIAL FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS (CND) IN FEBRUARY.
2. THE SITUATION IN TURKEY IS STILL PROBLEMATIC. I AM PERSONALLY DOUBTFUL THAT THE TURKS WILL RENEGE BUT WE NEED TO SHORE THEIR RESOLVE BY REAFFIRMATION OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO TURKEY'S HELP. A SPECIAL WORD FROM YOU TO KIRCA THAT THE TURKISH BAN ON OPIUM PRODUCTION HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE REDUCTION OF HEROIN AVAILABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS AT DANGEROUS LEVELS DURING SECRET

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T HE LATE 60S AND 70S, WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS.

3. KIRCA HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE AT MANY IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE TURKISH-US DIALOGUE ON OPIUM. HE WOULD BE AN

EXCELLENT MESSENGER BACK TO THE POWER STRUCTURE IN ANKARA
NO MATTER WHAT IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE. HE TALKS TO ALL OF
THEM. RUSH

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